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## New insurance raises concerns

By KARA SWINK

CHIEF REPORTER

A couple employed at Northwest became frustrated at Coventry, the University's insurance provider, after taking their daughter to the hospital and disputes over the billing arose.

Beth Goudge, instructor of family and consumer sciences said her family had problems with Coventry and decided to return to their original provider Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

"We didn't know anything about them at first and we had no viewpoints, but from our experience we were just very dissatisfied," she said.

Their 12-month-old girl suffers from Down Syndrome and the Goudges were not receiving adequate care from Coventry when preventive medications were picked up.

"To my understanding, preventive care was a huge selling point to the University, which turned out not to be the case," Goudge said.

The family had to pay for the entire medication cost and a \$50 co-pay. The family liked Blue Cross and Blue Shield, because they did not have to pay the co-payment and the company was willing to work with them.

For the last year, many Northwest employees and retirees have been disappointed with the University's health care insurance provider.

On Sept. 1, 2001, Northwest's contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield expired, leaving insurance companies to bid on Northwest as clients. The University accepted the lowest bid and signed with Coventry insurance provider.

The Faculty Welfare and the Support Staff Council sent a survey to 782 Northwest employees and retired faculty. A total of 500 surveys were returned with information regarding employee satisfaction with the University's insurance provider.

The data concluded many employees are not satisfied with Coventry. Thirty-two percent are very dissatisfied with pharmaceutical services and thirteen percent are very dissatisfied with office visits. Other data concluded that twenty-eight percent were very dissatisfied with lab work (blood) services and thirty percent were very dissatisfied with lab work (internal) service.

Vice President of Finance Ray Courter took the survey results to consultants to discuss the Coventry situation.

"They were interested in hearing the information we provided them," Courter said. "The consultants wanted to hear how things were going and didn't demonstrate any form of defending Coventry."

During the last week of March another meeting with AON Corporation, the consulting company, will be held to discuss Coventry further.

Courter was pleased with the survey results and the 64 percent response rate.

"We were very interested in hearing people's views about Coventry," he said. "We know this is an important issue for the employees."

The Goudges have been arguing about an unpaid bill with Coventry since October. The bill from the hospital was filed as a Down Syndrome case. Coventry told them that if it were labeled as a secondary condition they would pay, but since it was labeled as Down Syndrome and not a curable condition, they would not pay.

The Goudges are not mad at the University but wish they had looked into Coventry further before signing the contract.

"I wish they had done more research, but I don't feel they have treated us unfairly," she said. "I would like to see the University go back to Blue Cross and Blue Shield, but I understand they have to look at the greater good of the whole."

Maryville's Wal-Mart Supercenter pharmacy has seen firsthand the problems patients are running into.

"Patients are upset with the co-payments and cost of medicine," said pharmacist Therese Groomer. "They are upset. Blue Cross and Blue Shield doesn't make the customer pay a co-payment, and Coventry does."

Summary notes from meetings with AON Corp. will be reported back to campus over the next few weeks.

"Going back with Blue Cross and Blue Shield is a consideration, but we are not prepared yet to know if that is what we really want to do, but it's certainly an option," Courter said.

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## Faculty, students visit with state legislators

By ABBY SIMONS

COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

As the University prepares for state budget cuts and a number of potentially harmful bills circulate through the state capitol, Northwest representatives lobbied Missouri legislators for the school's advantage Tuesday.

Northwest students, administrators, faculty and alumni, representing organizations such as Student Senate, The Society of Black Collegians and various Greek communities, traveled to Jefferson City for the annual legislative trip. Tom Vansaghi, executive assistant to the president and Northwest lobbyist who organized the trip, said this year's trip was especially important because of the current budget crisis experienced by Northwest as well as other Missouri universities.

"I can't even think of a year that there were more issues and the budget situation was more crucial than it is this year," Vansaghi said.

Upon arriving at the capitol, the Northwest representatives hosted the Missouri legislators with a luncheon complete with a photo opportunity with Bobby Bearcat as part of the AdvoCats program. The luncheon was accompanied by music from Northwest's jazz band, The Swoonsville Six. Students also displayed interactive projects completed in various Northwest courses to the legislators.

After the luncheon, Northwest

split into teams and met with assigned legislators to talk about current bills that would affect the University, while administrators attended scheduled meetings with legislators. University President Dean Hubbard reminded Northwest of the privilege they had to speak with the Missouri legislators in person.

"The people we are about to speak with influence everything that affects us, including the roads we drive on, our parks, our safety, our educational systems and taxes," Hubbard said. "Just think of the power you're dealing with, and I say that so that you'll have a sense of the importance of what you're doing today."

Upon meeting with lawmakers, Northwest representatives discussed House Bill 1424, which would not allow colleges and universities to raise tuition and fees higher than the Consumer Price Index from the preceding year, as well as allow colleges and universities to raise tuition in the middle of an academic year. With budget cuts as high as 10 percent hindering the University financially next year, Bill 1424 would take the ability to raise tuition in a responsible manner away from Northwest, whose tuition and fees are currently the third lowest in the state, as well as below the national average.

Among the most important issues on Northwest's agenda was the state's funding cut to universities,

which will result in imminent tuition increases. Northwest freshman Joy Hayes and senior Mark Partise spoke with Rep. Cindy Ostmann on the budget crisis. Ostmann, a former teacher with two daughters in college, claimed that while education is a top priority for her and other members of the House, finding state money to fund Missouri universities is easier said than done.

"Financially, we are currently in bad shape," Ostmann said. "The state is looking for the money to fund post-secondary schools, but our first priority must be elementary and secondary schools, which

we are mandated to fund."

Ostmann said that while funding is scarce, the House is looking into other state-funded programs that do not show results and can be cut.

"We need to know that what we are spending our money on is working and that it's worth the money we're putting into it," Ostmann said. "Education is an example of that."

As the Tuesday meeting closed, both students and administrators were optimistic about the positive impact made on the legislators.

"I feel the trip was definitely worth coming down for," said sophomore Adam MacLaughlin. "It

## Campus continues recycling program

By KARA SWINK

CHIEF REPORTER

For the past eight years Northwest has participated in a recycling program, and although Environmental Services has faced problems with the community landfill closing, they want students to keep recycling on campus.

Northwest recycles co-mingled items, which include glass, plastics, aluminum and tin cans; however, since the community landfill closed, the outlet for certain items is not available for tin, glass or plastic.

"When the city announced that they were shutting down, I don't believe students understand that the way we want trash dealt with here on campus hasn't changed," said Lezlee Johnson, associate director of Environmental Services.

The University lost their outlets for type I and II plastics, tin and glass, but an outlet for aluminum cans and paper remains. The University also recycles paper and cardboard boxes into pellets, which heat and cool the campus.

"I think students on campus know we still want their paper, but I don't think the rest of the community is aware we want their paper also," she said.

The pellet plant, located on the north side of campus, opened in 1993. It burns 30 tons of pellets per hour, saving the University \$300,000 to \$400,000 per year, Johnson said.

The custodial staff recently noticed students not separating trash from

items that can be recycled.

"We want recycling to continue as it always has," custodial director Lillian Freemeyer said. "Recycling is everyone's responsibilities, even students, and we are trying to make this a better living environment."

Since the University currently does not have a place to take glass, tin or plastic items for recycling, those items are being diverted to trash and are not going to be recycled until a new place for these items is found.

In the past the University saved \$1,000 a year by not taking plastic and glass to the transfer station; however, the University is paying extra to haul the glass, tin and plastic recycling away since they do not have a place to put it,

Johnson said.

Before recycling started, 728 tons of trash were taken to the city landfill. When Northwest instituted its recycling plan in 1993, 503 tons of trash were hauled away, leaving more than 200 tons to be recycled.

Through the years recycling has cost the University money, but paid off for the economy.

"Recycling is not just a money issue but also a stewardship issue," Johnson said. "I understand the attitude of people who recycle. It takes a minute out of someone's day, which they believe is an inconvenience, but stewardship will help the future generations."

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PHOTO BY GREG GRAYBILL/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Russ Jones finishes cleaning out the back of recycling truck and gets ready to make another trip around campus to pick up more recyclables. At the end of his eight-hour day, Jones collects around 2,500 pounds of paper and cardboard.

## Board of Regents faces decision about wellness classes

By BILL KNUST  
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

The Board of Regents has some big decisions to make and discuss at their meeting Thursday.

The meeting will focus on topics such as eliminating wellness classes from the general education requirements, the cellular phone study and allowing students to use their Bearcat Card as a debit card around Maryville.

The big issue the Board will focus on is the exclusion of Lifetime Wellness classes from the general education curriculum. University President Dean Hubbard was not sure what way the Board would vote on the matter, but said they would have to take a serious look at it.

Hubbard said the state and former provost Tim Gilmour spent a couple years working on the articulation agreement. He also said the state agreed on a 42-hour cap.

Articulation agreements are what allow students of two-year schools to transfer to schools such as Northwest and be admitted at a junior-level standing.

Hubbard said it is possible to keep the wellness classes as part of the general education requirements, but it would not help attract incoming students from community colleges.

"They do allow in there for institutional requirements, but I think everyone knows, at least all the presidents know, that that would put us at a serious disadvantage with getting community college transfers and online students," Hubbard said.

Hubbard said keeping the wellness classes could delay graduation by a semester.

"I don't think we ought to make it hard for a student to transfer and graduate," Hubbard said. "To add nine or 10 hours is like adding another semester to their time to graduation."

Hubbard did find a bright spot to all the talk, the proposal allows the University to evaluate its general education requirements, he said.

"This kind of debate is not a bad thing from my standpoint," Hubbard said. "The University needs to pause

every once in a while and think about Gen. Eds. and the requirements and whether or not they are meeting the key quality indicators that were set.

Whether they are meeting the needs of students in a world that's changing. We expect our University departments to continuously review their requirements and make sure they are up to date, but we haven't looked at Gen. Eds., as far as I know, since the late 80s. So it is time for us to take a look at it anyway."

The meeting, open to the public, will start at 1 p.m. Thursday in the boardroom of the Student Union.

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PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Presidential Scholar Autumn Griffon speaks with Rep. Annie Rinehart on the 10 percent budget cut proposed for the upcoming year. Student Senate, along with alumni, faculty and other students, lobbied in Jefferson City over issues concerning the future of Northwest Tuesday.

## School Board discusses budget cuts

By CLARK GRELL  
CHIEF REPORTER

School Board members discussed several issues at their meeting Wednesday night.

The Board discussed the budget for the 2002 - 2003 school year, including budget cuts affect on remodeling options, specifically for the high school gym. The district is hoping to spend no more than \$15 million on remodeling projects.

"We are trying to restructure a project to stay beneath \$15 million," Reece said. "We want to hear input from the community."

If the district spends less than \$10 million, there would be no increase in taxes for the community.

The Board also ruled in favor of giving \$550 in funds to the special education staff within the Maryville school district. The money will be transferred from supplies to inservice.

The Maryville school district recently received \$8,000 in donations from Kawasaki. The Middle School and elementary school will receive \$3,000 each and the High School will receive \$2,000. Kawasaki donated \$3,000 for the technical school.

Members went over a proposal to add a fourth year of state funding for Eugene Preschool. Eugene is part of the Missouri Preschool Program which gives funding to state-wide preschools.

# Group promotes tolerance

By WARREN CROUSE  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

One out of every four college-age women has an eating disorder.

Acceptance, a peer education group, hopes to combat this through the education and empowerment of individuals.

"There's a lot of messages in magazines and on television about the 'right' image, shape or look," said Keith Evashevski, counselor for the Counseling Center. "We can provide a more positive, flexible message."

Acceptance consists of students concerned with self-image. The group is about education, not therapy, said Betsy Burgess, co-president of the organization.

"You don't have to have problems, just a genuine concern," Burgess said.

The group is dedicated to presenting the truth about images pushed on society and gives campus and community presentations.

The majority of the group's work comes in the beginning of the trimester, Burgess said. Acceptance members present to health classes, freshmen seminar groups and assist in Residential Assistant floor presentations. The group is small, but is always looking for members.

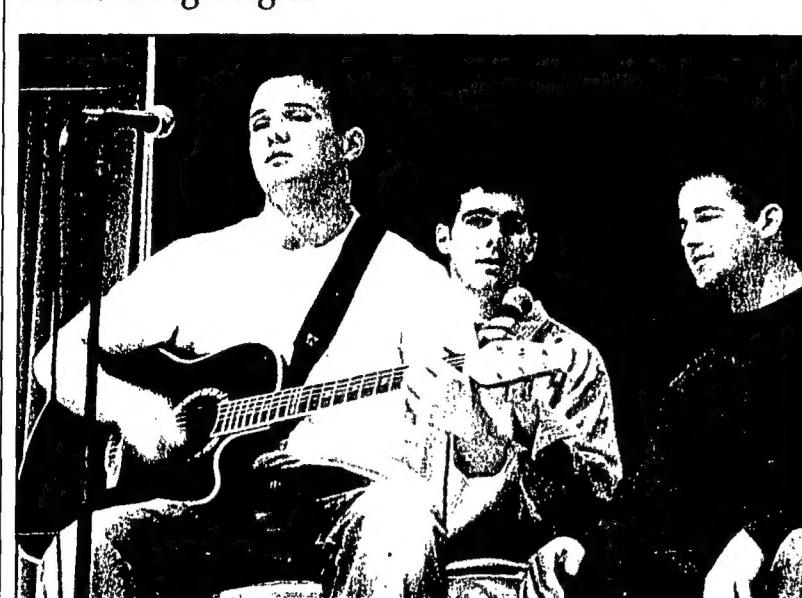
"We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and concerned about people's well-being," Burgess said. "Someone who is consistent, comes to meetings and helps on a regular basis."

Not everyone has to attend meetings, Evashevski said. Many members want to help by doing posters or behind-the-scenes work.

Burgess and Evashevski both said that Acceptance members have usually seen family or friends impacted by an eating disorder and want to help in some way.

Body Image Awareness Week, the week of Feb. 25 to March 1, is a busy week for Acceptance. Presentations will be held noon to 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the Rec Center, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Health Center and 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Student Union.

Serenading singles



Delta Chi Jake Ackerson, along with backup singers, uses his talent to win over women at the Delta Chi/Phi Mu second annual date auction Wednesday night.

# Academy students excel

By LAURA PEARL  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As the final half of the spring trimester begins, second-year students in the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing are in the thick of college recruitment and scholarship competition.

The 30 second-year students, dubbed pathfinders, will be the first class to graduate from the two-year Academy May 25. Graduation is another milestone for the inaugural students, said Diana Schmitz, Academy/Collegiate adviser.

Schmitz began working at the Academy in October and is the program's first collegiate adviser. The adjustment has been fast. Academy students are already beginning to load their platters with honors and college acceptances.

So far, two students have been ac-

cepted to the University of Southern California, seven to the University of Missouri, three to Purdue University, two to Tulane University, nine to the University of Missouri-Rolla, one to DePauw, one to DePaul, two to Northwest, two to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, one to Howard University, three to the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, one to Truman State University and one to the University of Evansville in Indiana.

"There's a broad spectrum that they have applied to," Schmitz said. "It goes from the Ivy League schools to state schools. They really have just hit a wide variety of schools."

Although Academy students do not have high school diplomas yet and must apply as first-time freshmen, they are select students, said Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the Academy.

"We had to make it very clear to the

students that when they applied they needed to note that the Academy is not a normal high school," he said.

Besides recruitment, scholarships and honors are also big priorities.

Success on the PSAT earned Brandon Taylor the distinction of Finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. Approximately 1.2 million students take the PSAT each year, and Taylor is among the top 8,000.

Chris Lewis is a finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship, an honor similar to Taylor's that is awarded to an African-American student. Lewis is one of 1,200 to reach the finalist stage.

Natasha Trueblood is in the running for a full-ride Presidential Scholarship at the University of Southern California.

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## Military ball to offer dinner, dance

By CLARK GRELL  
CHIEF REPORTER

Cadets from several schools will come together at 5:30 p.m. Saturday for the annual Military Ball in the Student Union Ballroom.

The Military Ball is a formal dinner and dance that mixes American customs with the traditions of a military dine-in. This is the first military dine-in to be held at Northwest. Last year, the event was held in St. Joseph. The ball is a tradition that has been around since World War I and II.

Cadets from the U.S. Army ROTC and Pony Express Battalion come together for the social event. Northwest will have nine of its own cadets involved in the event.

Other schools participating in

the ball are Missouri Western, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Benedictine College and Rockhurst University.

"The only time we get together is to train," said battalion commander Nick Soapes. "There is very little time to get together, and this is our opportunity to do that."

Soapes, who is participating in his second Military Ball, said that 200 invitations have been sent.

Events include social time, dinner, skits and a guest speaker. This year's guest of honor is Maj. Gen. Steven R. McCamy, who serves as commander of the Missouri Air National Guard.

McCamy was a Navy fighter pilot in the 1970s. He completed a Southeast Asia tour aboard the USS Independence in 1975.

Pendent student leaders, will gather information from Health Center officials to take to the student body. In return, the student body will be able to communicate with the committee members to voice concerns or ask questions.

A regular committee newsletter and e-mail address are being constructed for student access.

For more information, contact the Health Center at 562-1348.

The night will also include the punch bowl ceremony, which involves a drink mixed of many ingredients such as water, butter and cabbage. An award ceremony and video presentation will follow the dinner.

Having the program at Northwest is a big step for the ROTC and the college, Soapes said.

"This establishes a little more credibility to our program," he said.

The Military Ball also recognizes those completing their baccalaureate degree and ROTC requirements.

"This is very important, especially to us seniors," battalion staffer Mike Behrens said. "It gives us the opportunity to do something in our last year here at Northwest."

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## Alumni to help recruit

By LORI REED  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

"This is a new way for us to promote Northwest and give alumni the chance to show off their alma mater," said admissions representative Teresa Melnick.

Pass the Pride Day will kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday with a meet and greet at the alumni house followed by a campus tour.

Prospective students will then have a complimentary lunch in the Union.

A panel of undergraduate students will be available to answer questions and share com-

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ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE

ments with the high school students and their parents. Everyone will be given free tickets to the men's and women's basketball games.

"Strong pride and loyalty to Northwest means a lot to the alumni when they can pass the pride to their sons, daughters, nieces or nephews," Johnson said.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Student Health Advisory Committee assembles

A group of student leaders has teamed up to provide a link between Northwest's student body and the Student Health Center.

The group, made of members from organizations as well as inde-

pendent student leaders, will gather information from Health Center officials to take to the student body. In return, the student body will be able to communicate with the committee members to voice concerns or ask questions.

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#### Disney to visit campus, present opportunities

Walt Disney World representatives will be on campus at 6 p.m. Thursday on the third floor of the Student Union to recruit interns.

All majors are welcome to attend and explore internship possibilities.

Sign-ups for Feb. 27 interviews will be available at the presentation.

We are looking forward to showcasing our campus through a partnership of two offices, the alumni office and admissions," said Mike Johnson, director of alumni relations for Northwest. "It is also a great way for alumni to show prospective students what their alma mater has to offer."

Currently, there are 30 students registered, and the event will have a turnout of about 95 people, including alumni and parents of the students.

Comments with the high school students and their parents. Everyone will be given free tickets to the men's and women's basketball games.

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Baskin Robbins workers Matt Moore and Amy Newberry serve customers during Tuesday's grand opening. Baskin Robbins served 2,500 people on their opening day, said Anita Espy, franchise owner/manager.

## Easton boy enters plea in murder, kidnapping case

Judge places temporary gag order on police

By ABBY SIMONS  
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

A prime suspect plead not guilty in connection with the kidnapping and murder of Sarah Beth McCoy.

Zachariah Tripp, 16, of Easton, Mo., was arraigned in the Buchanan County courthouse Feb. 15 after being charged two days before with the 15-year-old Easton girl's death. Tripp, who was charged with second-degree murder and kidnapping for allegedly suffocating McCoy, was accompanied by his attorney, Joseph Johnson of Topeka, Kan.

At the arraignment, Johnson requested a gag order on the case, which would prevent any law enforcement officers or legal staff associated with the case from speaking to the media throughout the trial. Marquart then issued a temporary gag order, which put an end to a planned press conference by Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney Dwight Scroggins.

If convicted, Tripp, who will be

tried as an adult, could face a prison sentence of 10 to 30 years or life on the Class A felony second-degree murder charge and five to 15 years on the Class B felony kidnapping charge.

McCoy was last seen Dec. 3 when her East Buchanan High School bus dropped her off at her home after school.

Her father returned home an hour later to find the front door open and McCoy's CD player and keys in the front yard.

Hours later, a missing person investigation was opened. McCoy's body was found two days later in a creek bed outside Gower, Mo.

Tripp was originally taken into custody Dec. 6, the day after McCoy's body was found.

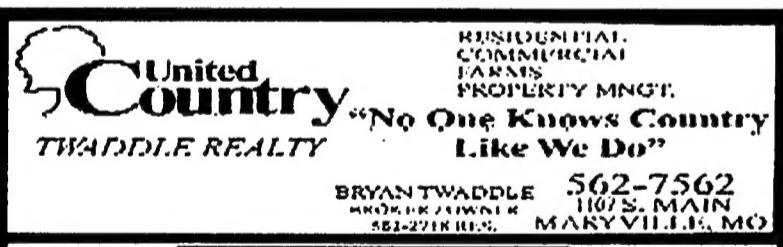
A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for 1 p.m. April 5 to review evidence of the crime as well as Tripp's alleged involvement.

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## Students compete in festival

By CHRIS LITTLE  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Several hundred junior high students flocked to Northwest for the Annual MENC Junior High Instrumental Music Contest this weekend.

More than 200 students performed solos or participated in small ensembles in the hope of receiving a I rating.

The University chapter of the Music Educators National Convention sponsors the event.

"Junior High Contest is a learning experience for the students," said Carrie Shuck, co-coordinator of the event. "It is a chance for them to receive feedback from someone besides their instructor."

When the time came for a student to perform, they walked into a room filled with friends, relatives and one judge. When the student was finished, the judge offered constructive criticism on such things as posture, tone, rhythm and technique. The student then received a rating of I, II, III, IV or V, with I being the highest rating and V being the lowest.

About 275 students signed up to attend and more than 100 walked away with I ratings.

A core group of three MENC members spend several months compiling information and forms for schools, sorting and filing entries, and supervising the day's activities.

In future years MENC plans to expand the number of students to 400.



PHOTO BY SHOKO ISHIMOTO/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

A young musician prepares to perform a saxophone piece for the MENC Junior High Instrumental Music Contest. More than 200 students participated in the event.

"The more participation we have, the bigger the impact on the students," Shuck said. "This year's theme for MENC is 'Fighting to keep music in our schools' and that's what we are doing. The earlier we influence the young, the longer they have to influence change in their own communities and maybe keep music in our schools."

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Charges evolve from acts committed by Clements against a female minor between August of 1995 and the summer of 2000.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bands set to take stage, advance tickets on sale

Hole-In-One Entertainment of Maryville will be playing host to four heavy metal bands Friday. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the first band will start playing at 7 p.m.

The bands playing are the Disciples, Seda, Sculpture and Detached. Advanced tickets are \$2. Tickets sold at the door are \$3. A dollar-off coupon for mini-golf will be given to those who purchase their tickets in advance.

For more information, call Hole-In-One Entertainment at 582-8884.

### Barnard man sentenced in statutory rape case

A Barnard man charged with numerous counts of statutory rape was sentenced to 20 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections Tuesday.

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## Body Image Awareness Week February 25 - March 1

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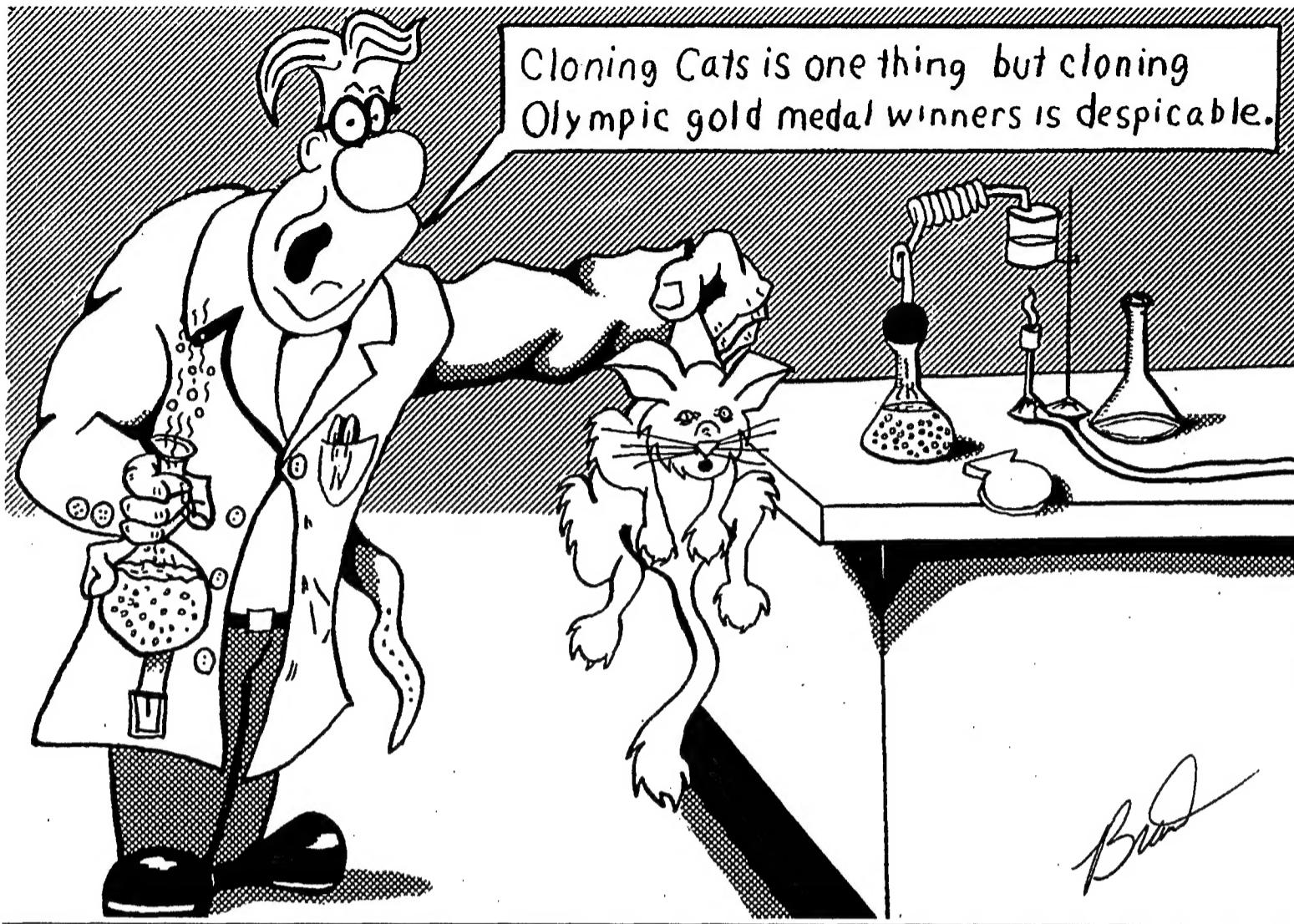
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## Movie Night: "Drop Dead Gorgeous"

Wednesday, February 27 6 pm - 8 pm

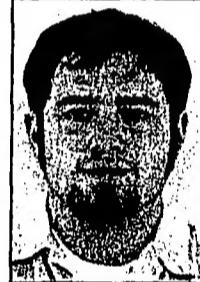
Union - Lakeview Room

Individual consultations are also available at the Counseling Center. Please call 562-1220 to assure staff availability for a consultation.



THE FIRE THIS TIME

## Attorney General violates rights



JED MURR

MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

Attorney General John Ashcroft recently had the Justice Department's "Spirit of Justice" statue covered with \$8,000 taxpayer-funded drapes because of its bare breast; almost laughable, if it didn't symbolize much of his political work.

Ashcroft's controversial nomination was opposed by countless organizations and he was confirmed with a 58-42 vote. His record in Missouri shows he obstructed school desegregation and voter registration in St. Louis. He favored concealed weapons and banning birth control pills and abortions for raped women. He voted against legislation preventing discrimination and hate crimes.

Ashcroft's been busy since Sept. 11, fighting not just terrorism, but state laws, and wasting taxpayers' money. In California, Ashcroft is disregarding voters by busting law-abiding AIDS and cancer patients who need medicinal marijuana in order to eat. They raided a doctor's office

and seized 6,000 confidential records and tore up plants at a resource center for ill patients, ensuring that Americans won't have to worry about terrorist attacks from starving, terminally ill people anymore.

In Oregon, Ashcroft won another battle against the terminally ill by asserting his intent to override state law and prosecute doctors who prescribe medicine that hastens death for terminally ill patients. Ashcroft champions states' rights—unless he disagrees with voters.

Ashcroft used scare tactics and exclusive rhetoric to pass the USA Patriot Act, claiming it was "crafted to not only protect America, but to respect the Constitution." It's unclear how it does either: he admitted that nothing in the 342-page bill would have prevented the Sept. 11 attacks, and conservatives and liberal democrats questioned the bill on constitutional grounds—in fact, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, the bill violates

five of 10 amendments in the Bill of Rights. It gives Ashcroft power to label domestic groups "terrorists," so peaceful protesters can be mentioned in the same breath as al-Qaeda and dealt with accordingly.

It made possible the detainment of thousands of innocent people because of the way they look, prompting even police departments to refuse the dragnet, and it allows federal officials to listen to conversations between detainees and their attorneys, undermining attorney-client privilege and the right to a fair trial.

He also fought for military tribunals, so that, in the Ashcroft package, someone could be detained, tried and executed without the public ever knowing.

The words of Benjamin Franklin have been used to put Ashcroft's work into perspective, and they're certainly relevant ones: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Student urges campus radio station to offer more variety in music

KDLX is finally going to be an actual radio station. They are changing the logo and call letters to KZLX. They are saying that companies won't be able to advertise on the station and that it will give that idiotic station K-Jo some competition.

So, my question is why are they staying with the same crappy format? If I wanted to hear Top 40 music I would turn it to a station that already plays that sort of crap. Isn't it enough that we can't escape it on MTV?

Instead of playing music people might like because they want something new that's not being force-fed to them by ev-

ery other radio station and television station around town, now we will have two stations that concentrate on the same music genre. That does not make any sense. If you want to provide competition, how about playing something different?

If I wanted to hear Top 40 music I'd turn the radio to K-Jo, if I wanted to listen to church sermons or grain prices or good ol' country I would turn it to one of the other three radio stations you can pick up in Maryville.

Here is my point, I know plenty of college students that do not always want to listen to Dave Matthews, Britney Spears,

NSync or, heaven forbid, O-Town. We want to hear rock music, punk music and indie rock. We want to hear an actual college radio station.

It was because of true college radio the whole grunge movement got started because they were the only stations playing bands like Nirvana at the time.

Let's be different since we are changing practically everything else with this station. Being the same as everyone else isn't competition, it's conformity.

BRETT STEWART

BROADCASTING/JOURNALISM MAJOR

#### University students can help farmers by drinking coffee at Java City

I am trying to gain support for a project I recently started with the cooperation of Barry Beacom, director of food services. I wrote Beacom a few months ago about a movement in the coffee industry that I think Northwest could be a part of.

Since May 2001, coffee prices have been slowly dwindling, as low as 48 cents per pound, far below the cost of production for coffee bean farmers in Latin and South America. While major corporations such as Folgers are simply pocketing the difference, impoverished farmers struggle in a circle of debt, unable to invest in education or health care for their families.

That is where Fair Trade certified coffee comes in. They guarantee a price of at least \$1.26 per pound to help ensure that farmers collect a fair sum. Next to oil, cof-

fee is the largest import in the United States and we consume one-fifth of coffee beans produced worldwide. With such a huge impact on the world economy, I think it is important for us to take action in support of human rights.

Java City has replaced one of their coffees with a Fair Trade coffee, the Utopian Blend. I purchased a cup Feb. 5, its first date of sale and can vouch for its quality. Aside from its great taste, Fair Trade coffee is beneficial to the consumer as well, since it is guaranteed to be 100 percent natural. I believe that, if conscious about the project, we can support this campaign and make a substantial contribution. With enough demand, other flavors and roasts will be rotated into Java City's inventory.

The success of this campaign is dependent on us. Think about the impact the dollars in our pockets have not only on the U.S. economy, but the world economy. One dollar is one vote.

Every time we purchase something we are saying, "I support the ethics and practices of the producer of this product." We have to recognize that corporations such as Folgers do not want anything to do with the Fair Trade label and that the only reason they exist is because we support them.

Choose to make a difference. We are the ones with the money.

Anyone interested in helping to support the campaign can e-mail me at s221574@mail.nwmissouri.edu.

JEFFREY M. COWDEN

EDUCATION MAJOR

#### Student supports online newspaper

On a campus where "dot com" is the motto, we should be asking ourselves, "Which 'dot com' is that motto?"

You need information? Look to the *Missourian Daily Online*. If there is an American university with a finer web-based press, I would like to see it.

The *Missourian Daily Online* is a foundation of information for our campus, and I believe the Web site is often overlooked by our very own students and staff.

The *Missourian Online* is a daily edition of *The Northwest Missourian*. While most tend to think its predecessor is the main source of journalism and media on campus, it is not. The online edition provides daily news, editorial columns, post-game articles and community information, all slotted together in a bright and clean design as the University's best Web site.

It is only the people at missourianonline.com who give us a true image of our campus on a daily basis. It is the great parts of a community which are often overlooked, so keep up the hard work.

SEAN BERGER

INTERACTIVE DIGITAL MEDIA/COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR

#### Singers give thanks for support

The St. Joseph American BarberBoys Barbershop Chorus appreciates the chance to perform the national anthem at basketball games between Northwest and Missouri Western.

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One of the things that made our performance special is the membership of the American BarberBoys includes alumni and current students at both Northwest and Missouri Western, as well as residents of the surrounding areas. If anyone would like to sing with us and become a member, please join us. If transportation is a problem, rides can be arranged with members who live in the Maryville area. For information, contact Matt Paden at mpaden@hotmail.com, or visit our Web site at www.americanbarberboys.com.

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AMERICAN BARBERBOYS PRESIDENT

## OUR VIEW

# Seeing double

**Two gold medals in figure skating right decision, judging should have been fair to begin with**

The talk of the Olympics the past two weeks has been about the figure skating controversy surrounding the pairs competition.

Russia's Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sankharulidze were first awarded the gold medals and Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier were awarded the silver. The media raged and so did anyone who watched the two pairs skate.

So what happened? They gave the Canadians a pair of gold medals too. It has been done before, but where is the logic in this decision?

Everyone who saw the competition knows the Canadians were the better duo and had the better program. Sankharulidze slipped on one of his jumps, something Sale nor Pelletier did.

Just because a French judge was in on a fix to vote the Russians first, there are two pairs of gold medals.

There is a solution to this problem that would not allow the sharing of gold medals.

The International Olympic Committee could have the same judges and include a new judge, for the ousted French judge, watch both countries' program on videotape once more, then give scores to the two pairs.

This would allow a gold medal winner and a silver medal winner. That's the way the Olympics run.

In hockey the IOC does not let the Russians and the Canadians split gold medals because the Canadians lost in a shootout. There is a winner and a loser.

It should be the same way in figure skating.

But people have come to expect this from figure skating. It joins itself with boxing and the WWF for events with predetermined outcomes. Congratulations.

One would think if the IOC was going to decide the winner before the skate, they would let the Americans win. With patriotism soaring in this country the ratings would have been even higher. They could have leaked it out on espn.com before the event took place so more people would have tuned in.

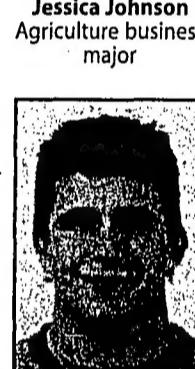
In the end, the IOC will look like the good guy for giving the Canadians the gold, but it should not have come to that. The Canadians should have won the gold in the first place and they should not have to share it.

## YOUR VIEW

**Would you support adding a debit card strip to the Bearcat card?**



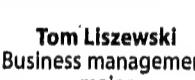
"I know that other schools have them and they seem to be a good feature for the school to have."



"I think that it's trouble. Debit cards make it easier to spend money, and some of us don't have any."



"For me it wouldn't do any good because I already have one. But it might be good for some students who don't have a debit card."



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# Army ROTC: Be all you want to be

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- Army Reserve [www.army.mil/usar](http://www.army.mil/usar)

By ANN HARMAN  
FEATURES EDITOR

The Army ROTC is not just about relentless marching drills, lieutenants screaming in cadets' faces and fighting guerrilla wars overseas. While those things might find their way into the package, the program focuses more on building leadership skills and confidence in a person, which can be used in all areas of life.

The main goal of the ROTC is to produce commissioned officers for the Army, Army Reserves or Army National Guard. That does not mean commissioned officers will immediately be sent directly to war. They have the choice of either going into four years of active duty or six years of inactive duty in the reserves.

Until the 1994-1995 school year, Northwest had its own ROTC headquarters. However, as the Cold War ended, the Army reduced its size by about one-third, causing several ROTC programs to shut down nationwide, including Northwest's program.

Mark Corson, the liaison between the University and ROTC, said closing the Northwest division was a "foolish" decision.

"(Northwest) has the perfect demographics for it," Corson said. "Traditional students that are 18 to 21, predominantly."

After a five-year hiatus, Missouri Western State College approached Northwest with a plan to reinstate the program in 2000 on a much lower scale. The program would

operate out of Missouri Western, but still offer students the same advantages.

Northwest accepted the offer and began the new program in 2000. Over the past two years, the program has received positive feedback and contracted eight cadets.

Nick Soapes, the first cadet to graduate from the new program this April, has decided to go into active duty after graduation.

"I always had an inclination to be in the service sometime in my life," Soapes said. "Around April 2000 they started announcing that ROTC would be returning to campus, and I wanted to be involved in that."

Soapes entered the advanced ROTC program after attending the Leadership Training Course in Fort Knox, Ky., after his sophomore year in college. The course is similar to a basic training camp, but focuses mainly on leadership building and training cadets who want to become officers. It also allows potential cadets to decide whether or not they are Army material without making an official commitment to the Army.

However, the Leadership Training Course is not the only way to begin the advanced courses of ROTC, which is when a cadet is contracted, or committed, to the Army.

People who do not necessarily want to make a formal commitment to the Army can take the basic courses during their freshman and sophomore years of college. Cadets are not committed and do



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

Cadet Nick Soapes explains the React to Contact formation to fellow cadets Ryan Gilbert (front), Dustin Longfellow (back right), and Ron Jackson (back left). The formation illustrates the procedure for a group of soldiers to take when under attack.

not receive any financial benefits.

Later cadets can become contracted at which time they are committed to the Army. This option adds a total of five hours per semester for four semesters on top of the normal course work and goes toward a cadet's overall grade point average.

In addition, the ROTC program is not limited to traditional college students. A junior ROTC program allows high school students to get an early start on their military career. People who have already been through basic training or active duty can go through the program as

well.

The ROTC not only offers the Army an opportunity to train officers, but also gives cadets a variety of advantages, including physical fitness, leadership skills, self-confidence and financial rewards, while getting an education.

Corson said the benefits are great, but those interested in joining need to be sure of why they are committing.

"People who do ROTC mainly for the financial benefits are not in it for the right reasons," Corson said. "But certainly there's no reason they ought not benefit from the financial

(rewards) to be had."

Corson also said that while cadets are in the ROTC they can not be sent to war and most likely will have a job waiting for them when they are done.

"They're already laying off people that have three, four, five years experience," Corson said. "The smart person would say, 'Gee, here's an opportunity to go get some outstanding leadership and management experience and perhaps quite possibly some significant technical experience.'"

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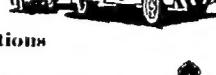
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# Sports

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Northwest women's basketball

## Jennies beat reeling 'Cats

*Fourth straight conference defeat may eliminate Bearcats from MIAA postseason tournament*

By JUSTIN BUSH  
SPORTS EDITOR

With the season quickly winding down, the Northwest women's basketball team finds themselves on the edge of making the MIAA tournament, making every game much more crucial.

Northwest was well aware of this going into Wednesday night's matchup against Central Missouri State University, where the 'Cats were attempting to do what no other Northwest women's team has ever been able to do at CMSU: win.

Women's head coach Gene Steinmeyer viewed that as an advantage for his team.

"Never write this team off," Steinmeyer said. "We have had some pretty improbable wins this year. We won at Emporia and beat Western at home."

The Jennies came out and scored first on a three-point shot. Northwest responded with a layup.

Rebounding and several short runs by the Mules from the first half helped them take a 34-22 lead into the half.

The 'Cats never gave up. Late in the second half the 'Cats put together a run of their own.

A layup and a foul on senior Dena McMullen brought the 'Cats to within two with 5:39 left.

What was a brief glimmer of hope

was quickly taken away. The Mules haunted the 'Cats from the three-point line. They used three-point shooting along with a few Northwest turnovers to help them take control and extend their lead by as much as 11.

Northwest made things interesting though.

They fought back to bring the score to within four with eight seconds remaining.

The 'Cats were unable to pull it off though as they dropped their final road game of the season 68-64.

Junior Kristen Anderson led Northwest with 16 points. The loss drops the 'Cats to 10-15 on the season and 9-12 in the MIAA.

Northwest now needs a win at home Saturday over the University of Missouri-Rolla along with a Truman State loss in order to make the MIAA tournament.

The 'Cats squared off against the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats at Bearcat Arena Saturday afternoon.

In the first three and half minutes of play SBU came out and scored seven unanswered points before senior Jerrica Miller finally scored to end SBU's run.

SBU maintained and increased their lead over the 'Cats during the first half as they went into the locker room at the half leading 44-28.

Northwest came out in the second

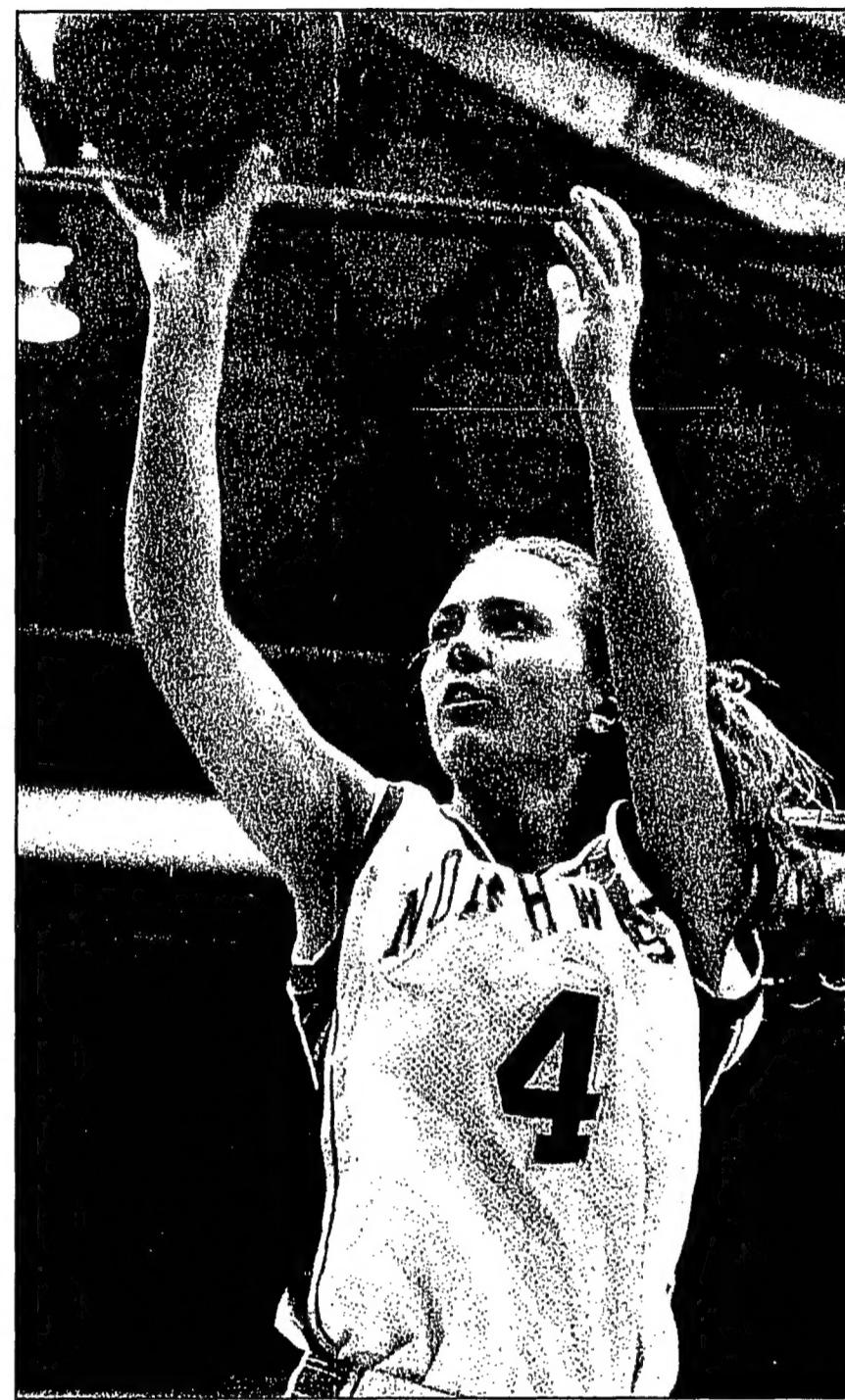


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

Northwest sophomore Jenna Wolfe shoots a jumpshot during Saturday's 78-68 loss to Southwest Baptist. Baptist is the school head coach Gene Steinmeyer has failed to beat.

half with a 7-0 run to cut SBU's lead to eight.

The 'Cats tried to fight back, but SBU would not allow it. The purple 'Cats shot nearly 50 percent from the field to maintain a 10-point lead through most of the second half on their way to a 78-68 victory over

Northwest.

The 'Cats take on the University of Missouri-Rolla in their final regular season game. Tip-off is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

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### Northwest men's basketball

## Bearcats pushed to overtime in 99-92 victory over Baptist

By JUSTIN BUSH  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a fight to the finish, grudge match for the Northwest men's basketball team Saturday afternoon when they squared off against their conference opponents the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats.

The lead wavered several times at the start of the game. The 'Cats went into the locker room at the half leading SBU 37-33.

The second half of play was much like the first, neither team ever led by more than eight.

With just 34 seconds left in regulation SBU was up 81-79. Just 10 seconds later sophomore Kelvin Parker was fouled while hitting a layup to tie the game at 81 apiece. Parker then connected with the free throw to give the 'Cats a one-point lead.

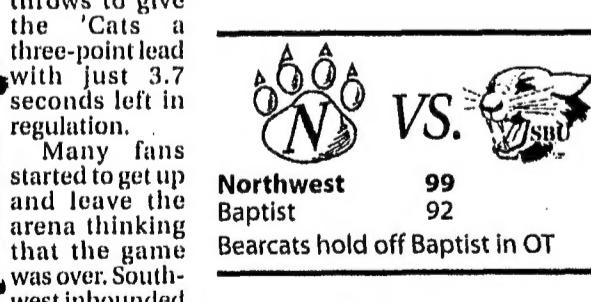
Southwest then drove down the court and missed a shot that was rebounded by junior Scott Fleming. Fleming was fouled immediately and went to the line to shoot two. Fleming connected with both free throws to give the 'Cats a three-point lead with just 3.7 seconds left in regulation.

Many fans started to get up and leave the arena thinking that the game was over. Southwest inbounded the ball and, with a last second desperation shot, connected with a three-pointer to send the game into overtime.

SBU jumped out to a five-point lead in overtime. The 'Cats fought back and with 1:16 left the score was again tied. Junior Jelani Walker then hit a three to put the 'Cats up with a minute left in regulation.

Two free throws by Fleming would seal the victory for the 'Cats, as they went on to win 99-92.

The 'Cats shot 85 percent from the free throw line on the afternoon.



FILE PHOTO

Northwest junior Scott Fleming drives to the basket earlier in the season against Emporia State. The 'Cats won Saturday's game 99-92 against Southwest Baptist.

"If we had missed just three or four more free throws we could be on the other side of this and the other Bearcats would have won this game," Parker said.

Men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer was exceptionally pleased with the way his team never gave in.

"When we got to our huddle our guys said 'OK, let's get this thing going, let's win it now,'" Tappmeyer said. "They didn't have their heads hanging. With their team coming back after it looked like we had put one away and tying it up and coming out with all the energy in overtime, it was really a gut check for us and I felt like our guys really responded."

The 'Cats were without one of their biggest guns Saturday. Senior Jerry Hudson was sidelined because of an ankle injury.

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### Cats down Ichabods

The Northwest men's basketball team bounced back from their second loss of the season with a 72-57 victory over the Washburn Ichabods.

Washburn opened the game on a 12-3 run before Northwest's Jerry Hudson took over.

Hudson scored the next 14 Bearcat points including four three-pointers to give Northwest a 17-16 lead with 7:13 remaining in the first half.

The 'Cats took a 28-22 lead into intermission after a tip-in by Matt Rowan at the buzzer.

Northwest would increase its lead to 22 on several occasions over the final few minutes of the game before finishing with a 15-point win.

Scores and highlights to Wednesday night's game against Central Missouri State University were not available at press time and can be read online at www.missourianonline.com.

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### Northwest baseball

## Sluggers drop three games, win one in doubleheaders

By JUSTIN BUSH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's baseball team kicked off their season in Arkadelphia, Ark., last weekend.

The 'Cats lost their season opener Saturday to the Ouachita Baptist Tigers 9-6.

Northwest got redemption in game two of the doubleheader when they out-blasted OBU scoring 20 runs off 20 hits to pick up their first victory of the season, 20-4. Junior Kaleb May pitched one inning and picked up his first win in a Bearcat uniform.

On Sunday the 'Cats squared off against the Henderson State Reddies.

The 'Cats were down 5-0 going into the fifth inning, before scoring two runs off two hits. Senior Mike

Creason scored junior John Bothof on a sacrifice fly. Senior Ryan Ellis then smacked a double to drive in junior Willie Ciaramentaro.

In the seventh inning Bothof blasted a solo shot to cut the deficit to two.

That was as close as the 'Cats would get though as the Reddies held off with the 5-3 win.

In game two the 'Cats never got things going. Northwest's pitching gave up 11 runs on nine hits. The Reddies defense held the 'Cats to only two hits in the 11-0 defeat.

Even though the 'Cats only went 1-3 over the weekend, head coach Darin Loe saw a lot of positives during the weekend series.

"As a group, the batters hit the ball really well," Loe said. "They really

came out and surprised us on day one. The pitchers threw well, too. The guys that we expected to throw well did and we had some guys that moved up on our depth chart."

After a long winter last season, Loe is excited to have the opportunity to get some playing time in before conference play starts.

"I think we went into this weekend looking at it almost like it was spring training," Loe said. "We used all 15 pitchers and got some good time in on the field, so we could work on improving. We had a long winter last year and we felt that we needed to go south to play."

The 'Cats are in action again this weekend when they travel to St. Louis to compete in the Lindenwood Invitational.

Even with this season barely at a close, many wrestlers are already looking ahead to next season.

The young team, with over half of the current athletes in the freshman class, will only lose two senior wrestlers, Jacob Lancaster and C.J. Messner.

"As a team, we'll be really strong next year," Merrill said. "We had a lot of freshman on the varsity squad this season that pulled a lot of weight, but the experience from this season will really help next year."

Driskell fell in the first round 19-2 to junior Eric Mosinger from John Burroughs High. Before the tournament, Mosinger had a perfect 30-0 record. Driskell then faced senior Jesus Lerma from Knob Noster, falling 16-1 and removing him from the tournament. Maryville tied for 27th in the tournament out of 69 participating schools.

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### Maryville wrestling

## Grappler finishes fourth at state meet

By MATT KENNEDY  
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Only two Maryville wrestlers, junior Derek Merrill and freshman Justin Driskell, made it through the district and sectional tournaments.

Last weekend they both ended their seasons at the Hearnes Center in Columbia competing in the Class 1A-2A state tournament.

Merrill, who was the only Maryville wrestler to finish first in the district and sectional tournaments, had been in this situation before.

Merrill participated in the state tournament both previous seasons in the 112 lb. class, but was unable to finish in the top six to medal. Last year, he missed a medal by only one match.

This year, he wanted more.

Merrill, now wrestling in the 125 lb. class, pinned his first opponent in less than a minute.

However, he fell in the second round to Blayne Barnes of Butler in a close match, 12-9, making him a little worried about being able to

place.

"The loss put a lot of pressure on me," Merrill said. "If I would have won that match, I would have automatically placed. I didn't wrestle as well as I could have, and knew I had to come back and wrestle very well to place."

Determined to get a medal, Merrill pinned his next two opponents, guaranteeing at least sixth place.

He then went on to beat South Holt's Nick Schuetz 11-2, placing him in competition for third.

Merrill lost the next matchup to Jaime Myers of Lawson, 6-0, and finished fourth.

Although he finished in fourth place he was pleased with his overall performance.

"I felt really good to medal, it was a lot more intense this year," Merrill said.

"I got three pins and beat Schuetz pretty good, so overall I feel satisfied with my performance."

Driskell, wrestling in the 103 lb. class, did not fare as well at the state



Maryville girls' basketball

## 'Hounds' loss in districts ends season

By ASHLEE ERWIN  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

It was the chance every senior dreams of: a shot in the lane with about four seconds left to keep the team in the district playoffs.

Missing that shot was not part of the dream for senior Erin Lohafar and the Maryville girls' basketball team, but it was the reality.

"It was really hard," Lohafar said of her last-second shot attempt in Monday's 31-30 first-round district loss to Smithville. "The whole game I wasn't really hitting my shots, and I thought maybe that would be the perfect shot."

Head coach Randall Cook said the shot had every chance to be the game-winner.

"That eight-footer Lohf (Lohafar) had, it looked good," Cook said. "We thought it was in."

Just like the shot, the 'Hounds seemed to be on the money for the majority of the low-scoring game using patient offense and an aggressive defense.

"We were being really patient and trying to get the best shot we could," Cook said. "The other part of it was both teams were playing really great defense."

The 'Hounds had a six-point lead in the fourth quarter, but the Warriors charged back with a 6-0 run to tie the score at 27-27 with 3:41 left to play.

Things started to fall apart for Maryville in that four-to-five minute span.

"We missed some shots, we had some turnovers, they got to shoot some foul shots, we missed some foul shots," Cook said. "It was kind of a combination of everything just not going well for a little while."

Maryville and Smithville traded the lead for the remaining minutes of the game. The Warriors pulled out the 31-30 win after Lohafar's possible game-winner bounced out.

"We played a great game," Cook said. "I really can't ask much more out of them. They played with a lot of effort and heart and did all the things we needed to do. It just didn't work out in the end."

Senior Sundi Sutton finished the game with nine points. Lohafar and junior Cauleen Bradley each finished with six points and sophomore Abby Walter added five points.

The game marked the final appearance of seniors Lohafar, Sutton, Erin McLaughlin, Katy Otte and Heather Reynolds on the Spoofhound basketball squad.

The team finished the season with a 12-14 record.

"They're great kids, great examples," Cook said. "They're role models for the school and for the basketball program. They're going to be missed."

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*Maryville boys' basketball*

Senior Joey Wilmes drives to the basket during Tuesday night's district matchup against Platte County. Wilmes had five points in the 'Hounds' 53-52 victory. 'Hounds senior Ross Hullinger hit the game-winning shot as time expired. The 'Hounds advance to the semi-finals Thursday where they are scheduled to face Lafayette.

## 'Hounds win close game to advance in district tournament

By MATT KENNEDY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The term barn-burner, a very close athletic match, originates from a time when fire-keepers paid too much attention to an ongoing game and not enough to their job.

If Maryville's 53-51 Tuesday victory over Platte County in the first round of the District 16 Tournament took place in such a time, the flames would still be blazing.

With the narrow victory over Platte Co. under their belts, Maryville moves on to round two to face either Lafayette or Savannah at 6 p.m. Thursday in Savannah.

"Unless there's a big upset, we

think it's going to be Lafayette," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We're just going to have to practice hard and work on a game plan in preparation for them."

If the 'Hounds win this game, they will go on to play in the district championship at 7 p.m. Saturday in Savannah.

The first round in the tournament, where one loss ends your season, pitted third-seat Maryville against fifth-seated Platte Co.

The 'Hounds controlled much of the first two quarters and led the game 26-15 at the half.

The Pirates struck back in the third, sparked by a dunk by junior Zo Riley midway through the quarter.

The Pirates, cut the 'Hounds' lead to 44-40 after the third quarter.

"The momentum shifted and the pressure was on us," Kuwitzky said.

"We had a stretch where we didn't score, and they were scoring on every possession. Finally, we had to go to being ultra patient on offense."

As the fourth quarter began, this plan seemed to work well.

The 'Hounds came out and controlled the ball for more than a minute before senior Josh Wilmes sank a three-pointer.

The Pirates came back, however, and the score stood at 51-51 with 20 seconds left.

"During the time out, we designed a play but wanted to run

some time off the clock first so there was no time left when we shot," Kuwitzky said.

After the ball was inbounded, Wilmes drove, stopped and passed to an open senior Ross Hullinger, whose shot beat the buzzer, winning the game 53-51.

The play did not go exactly to design, Kuwitzky said.

"Joe (Wilmes) took the ball to the hole, which is something we do late in the quarter anyway," Kuwitzky said. "He read Ross (Hullinger) opening up and passed the ball. It worked out perfectly."

"This game says a lot about our character and it's a really big win," Kuwitzky said.

## *Northwest track & field*

# Tracksters optimistic for conference meet

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Bearcat tracksters are wrapping up their final preparation for this weekend's conference meet, where they will be facing a top-notch Central Missouri State squad.

"Central looks like they're an insurmountable obstacle," said men's coach Richard Alsup. "But you know we're not going to concede anything, because anything can happen."

Even though this weekend will be the biggest weekend of the indoor season for the athletes, there have not been any signs of added pressure during this week's preparation.

For the most part, there has been a pleasant, easy-going atmosphere among the coaches and athletes, Alsup said.

"It's a fact that the track athlete is going to compete better if they're focused on what they need to do," Alsup said. "And they're completely relaxed in the process of doing it."

The 'Cats just came off of their last competition at the Prairie Wolf Invitational by placing 35 times in the top 10.

The lone first-place finish was by the women in the distance medley with a time of 14:16.89.

Senior April House finished in the top 10 in four individual events. She placed fourth in the long jump with a flight of 18 feet, 1/2 inch, fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.35 seconds, and sixth in both the 60-meter dash and 200-meter dash, with times of 7.86 and 25.69 seconds.

The top five performances given were all fourth-place finishes by junior Sarah Wolff in the

shot put with a toss of 42-4 1/4, freshman Ashley Grosse who ran 10:57.78 in the 3000-meter run and the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 14:16.89.

The Northwest men came back from the Prairie Wolf Invitational with five top-five finishers.

Junior Joel Terry continued his excellence in the 60-meter hurdles with a second-place run of 8.37 seconds.

Sophomore Conrad Woolsey finished in the top three of the shot put for the fourth week in a row, this time placing third with a heave of 55-3, which was just in front of Senior Tucker Woolsey, who tossed 49-1 1/4 and took fourth place in the shot.

Senior Matt Fisher finished in third place of the 600-meter run by swiftly recording a time of 1:12.33 and the men's 'A' team placed fourth in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:21.96.

With the indoor season coming to an end after the conference meet, women's coach Vicki Wooton said she has appreciated her athlete's hard work and drive to perform to the best of their abilities.

"I think we've had a lot of young people step up and do a lot of good things," Wooton said. "So they should be going into conference real positive and real motivated to do well. Basically this whole season, what I've noticed the most is that we've improved every week for the most part and we're real consistent."

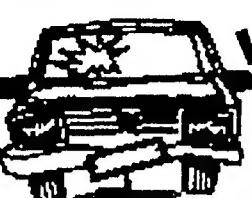
The 'Cats will be competing Friday and Saturday at the MIAA Track and Field Championships in Joplin.

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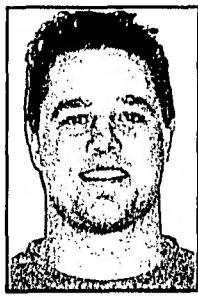
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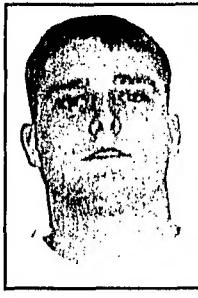
**ARMCHAIR QUARTER BACK**

*Do you think the Canadians should have received the gold medal in figure skating?*



"Canada should get the gold, especially after the judge admitted to it. There should be no more controversy about the matter."

Aaron Bunch  
Industrial psychology



"I believe that the Russians should not receive the gold medal. Since they honestly don't deserve it."

Kurtis Freeman  
Marketing

**SPORTS SHORTS****Northwest to host MIAA Tournament game**

The Northwest Missouri State University men's basketball team will play host to a first-round game in the Mid-America Inter-collegiate Athletics Association Postseason Tournament at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The Bearcats' opponent is yet to be determined.



"I think it's unfair. But, yet I don't believe that the skaters should be punished for the judge's actions."

Kathie Leach  
Middle school education



"I don't think it is fair that the Russians got it. I think they should give it to the Canadians."

Joel Schoenfeld  
Psychology/  
sociology

Tickets for Tuesday's game are available now at the Northwest Student Services Center in the Administration Building. Telephone orders may be placed by calling (660) 562-1212.

Ticket prices are as follows: Reserved chairback seats are \$8, reserved railback seats are \$6, general admission seats are \$5 and student general admission seats are \$2.

Northwest students may charge tickets to their University account, but must have a ticket to enter the game.

All other tickets must be paid for with cash, check or credit card.

Northwest season ticket holders will have until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to purchase their season seat. Tickets not purchased by 4:30 p.m. will go on sale to the general public.

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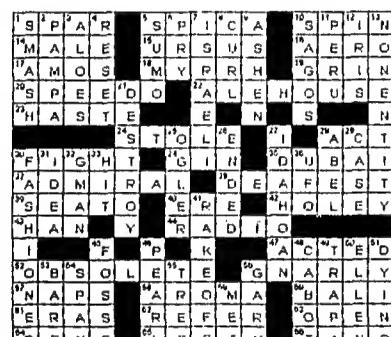
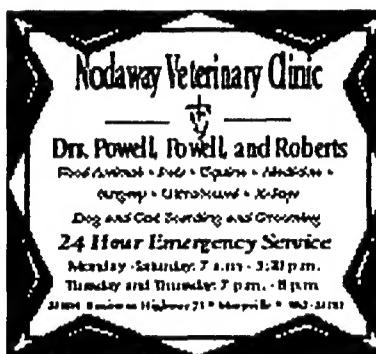
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**By SARAH RICE**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN (KANSAS STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY - After waiting in a security line for up to three hours, Olympic fans entered Coca-Cola World, at the heart of Olympic Square in downtown Salt Lake City.

Coca-Cola "On the Ice," features free simulations of athletes' experiences while competing in the luge, curling, bobsledding and hockey. Participants of all ages had the opportunity to compete in miniature-sized events.

The line for the luge event was a 3 hours wait. Participants sled around a 110-foot long ice track with a 90-degree turn, while a scoreboard kept track of their time.

After the qualifying heats and final runs, the top three finishers were awarded small medallions.

At the bobsleigh event, Jim Purser and his daughter Rachel, 9, waited in line for an hour. They pushed the bobsled on a 45-foot long sheet of ice as fast as they could, ending up with the bronze medal.

"It is fun for the kids," Purser said. "It meant more to her."

Ron Coleman, senior public and media relations manager for Coca-Cola, said Coca-Cola "On the Ice" is for faithful fans who might not be able to experience the Olympic Games firsthand.

"It's for the fans who can't get tickets to every event," he said.

"This way, they are able to experience what it is to participate. It makes the fans feel a little bit special."

In addition to the event simulations, Coca-Cola World featured an entertainment area where Olympic athletes appeared every hour for interviews and audience questions.

"We have fun with the audience and play some games," Coleman said.

Coke representatives also passed out their new product, a biodegradable cup made of 100 percent corn starch to audience members.

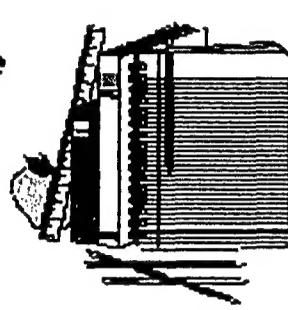
Finally, the pin trading center featured lines of tables after tables with opportunities for visitors to trade Olympic pins.

**FAN PLAN****Home games**

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Northwest women's bball			Missouri-Rolla 1:30 p.m.				
Northwest indoor track & field			MIAA Championship Joplin				
Maryville boys' bball			Districts Savannah				
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## Stroller has mixed emotions

Last week I picked up the paper that features my insightful thoughts on the back page, and read the story about the campus radio station's possibility of going on air by the end of the semester. I was instantly swept with two conflicting emotions, excitement and disappointment. Let me explain.

I was immediately excited on the premise that finally this town and this campus will have a "real" radio station. We will officially be a college community and have that station for everyone but the students to complain about. Maybe we'll finally see some gutsy and more entertaining radio than we get from the oldies station.

But then reality set in and that feeling of disappointment and a feeling of sorrow for those excited mass communication majors over in Wells Hall.

This new license is not going to change this town and their support for student-run entertainment. Sure, it brings a new and exciting time with it, but like all the other channels of entertainment, it will eventually become stagnant and fail.

Until recently with the Urge concert, when was the last time an affordable entertainment option was sold out or so widely embraced by this campus? Just like I mentioned last week, the students here would rather get drunk than enjoy the many different aspects of fun in this place.

This might be a harsh reality for most people and I imagine by now all those Wells junkies are writing their letter to the editor barking off on how mean and full of it I am, but hear me



THE STROLLER

out and let me explain.

This station will not become a force in the community and on this campus because this campus will not support any of the mass communication media outlets. Face it, with the exception of this column, there is not one product coming out of Wells that anyone cares about.

This was proven last week when the article came out and all that I heard mumbled around campus was, "We have a radio station?" Then they couldn't even tell you what the station played or even that it is known as X106.

Another obvious lack of support comes from the fact that we have had a television station running programs on this campus for many years and, yet again, no one seems to care. I realize that the programming on the station isn't "Friends," "Survivor," or any other lame network show, but for KNWT's low budget, they are pretty entertaining. You just have to watch them and appreciate that they are amateur shows and how creative they are.

Finally, the campus publications, where is their support? Would anyone get a yearbook if they were not automatically added to your bill? How about the paper? Would anyone read it if it didn't carry two things, the police report and this column? I don't think so. I've heard more people open up the paper and ask the group they are with if they know any of the DUIs this week or if they agree with me and this silly column.

This is awful and embarrassing. Why can't anyone support these programs? The students who work on these staffs deserve more from their peers. They put in just as much work and effort as professionals and they are still trying to graduate and enter the professional world.

And that is why I am afraid for the new station. I hope that this time I am proven wrong. There are many reasons that people should latch on to this new era of radio in Maryville. For example, they play the same music that you hear at the bars and in the big cities, they don't have 10-minute commercial breaks, in most cases you know someone on the radio staff and what else will you listen to, oldies or classical?

I hope that I am wrong and that the new station finds overwhelming support and becomes a staple on the programmable channels in cars city-wide. So, as I look forward to a new entertainment option, I just want to say, good luck, KZLX. You are going to need it.

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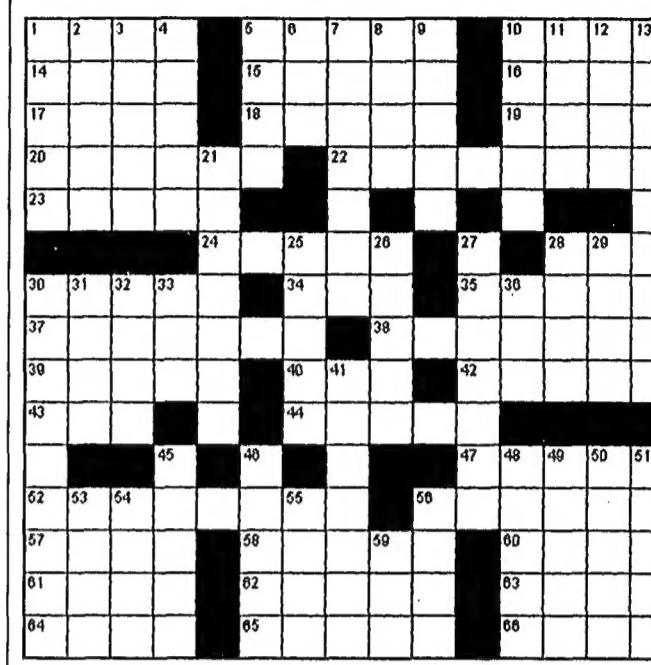
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- Lawsuit
- Formed
- Notion
- FBI employee (1-3)
- Strike
- Flying saucer
- Illicit share (4-3)
- Ditch
- Harbor
- Discoverer of USA
- Water chestnut
- Female name
- Drawing to a close
- Naked
- Duration
- Figure branching from a single root
- Male name
- Assembled

Answers can be found on page 3B

on the edge

### Recycling facts:

- Colonel Waring, New York City Street Cleaning Commissioner, was responsible for organizing the first rubbish-sorting plant for recycling in the United States in 1898.
- Aluminum, glass and paper are the three materials most easy to recycle.

- Recycled glass uses only two-thirds the energy needed to manufacture glass from scratch. That means for every soft drink bottle that is recycled, enough energy is saved to run a television set for an hour and a half.
- To save a 40-foot tree, a stack of newspapers averaging 4 feet in thickness must be recycled.

- It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times.
- Nearly 65 percent of America's aluminum cans are recycled.

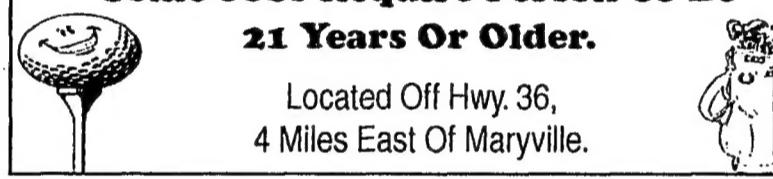
- Kulang, China runs seven centers for recycled toothpicks.

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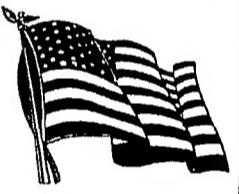
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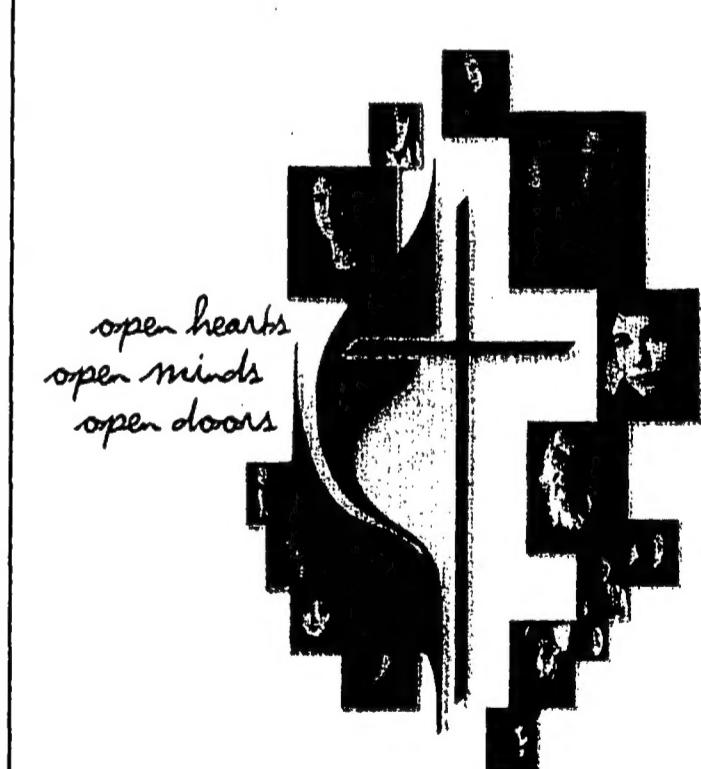
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